



## **The Abbey Primary School**

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1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

### **Key Stage 1 Topic Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! Like most terms, Term 2 is a busy term, full of events for both your children and yourselves. Below are the units your children will be studying:

#### **Year 1 Topic – Hello, I’m New Here!**

Our topic for this term has a science and geography focus. We will be investigating the school and the surrounding area, and finding out about the human and physical features in our environment. In science we will begin to understand the difference between animals; thinking about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

#### **Year 2 Topic – Pride of Place**

This half term, Year 2 will be following a history based theme all about The Great Fire of London. We will find out about Guy Fawkes, The Gunpowder Plot, and also how and why the Great Fire happened. We will also be thinking about local history, and will be learning about The Great Fire of Northampton.

Alongside this, both year groups will begin practising for our Christmas Performance.

Please look at the school website [www.theabbeyprimary.co.uk](http://www.theabbeyprimary.co.uk) for more curriculum information about your child’s year group.

#### **Showcase of Learning 2.30 - 2.50pm**

**Year 1: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December      Year 2: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

We would like to invite parents/carers to our ‘**Showcase of Learning**’. Please enter the school via the side gate, and wait outside your child’s classroom. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **TLC Bookings**

A letter was sent home informing parents/carers of a new TLC booking system we will be using for TLCs. This new system will be used for the upcoming TLCs on 14<sup>th</sup> November and

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16th November. A link will be sent via text and email on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup>October** so that you can log on and book appointments for your child's TLC.

### **Reading & Spellings**

We encourage all parents/carers and grandparents to read daily with their children at home to further develop their child's reading skills. **Please can we remind you to date, sign and make a positive comment regarding your child's reading in their Reading Record.**

**Teach Your Monster to Read**: This is an amazing interactive resource with which your child will use and develop their phonetic knowledge. To access this resource, type the following link into your toolbar: <http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Children can find writing a real challenge; they need encouragement, support and praise for their efforts. In order for them to become a successful writer they need to be able to spell accurately. At The Abbey Primary School your child will learn the rules and conventions of the system and the spelling strategies needed to become a confident speller. In Year 1 and Year 2 the children have daily sessions of 'Letters and Sounds', where they learn phonics, spelling patterns and high frequency words. The activities will help the children to read, write and spell the words they are learning. The children also have daily spelling sessions; learning the strategies and conventions which can then be applied in their writing.

**Bug Club**: This is an amazing online resource which allows the children to access a wide range of ebooks at home. The children will be given their login details during the first week of term. To access this resource, type the following link into your toolbar:  
<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

### **Homework**

Homework is an extension of your child's schoolwork, and we have high expectations for presentation and the level of work. Homework will be set weekly. Please find below our expectations for KS1 children.

- **English. Maths or Topic**      Set: Wednesday                      Due in: Following Monday

- **Reading every night** Sharing books you have at home, alongside their school reading book, will enable your child to extend their bank of vocabulary, which will then be applied in their writing.

### **ICT Passwords**

Passwords for the children to home access Mathletics, Purple Mash and Espresso have been sent home. If your child has mislaid their password then please ask your child's class teacher. These are excellent, age appropriate, free learning resources and we encourage you and your children to take full advantage of these.

### **PE Kit**

There is an expectation that children have their PE kit in school **every day**. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (**including plimsolls/trainers**) and all jewellery is removed

prior to coming to school. The children will be having PE outside whenever possible, so the correct footwear, along with appropriate clothing, is essential for this.

**Important Dates**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 - Prospective Parents Open Morning 9.30-10.30am**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - School photographs**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Y2 SATs meeting 2.15pm**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - TLCs 3.30 - 7.00pm**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Prospective Parents Open Morning 9.30-10.30am**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - TLCs 4.00-7.30pm**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 - Christmas Fete 3.00-4.30pm**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Y1 Phonics meeting 2.15pm**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - KS1 Christmas performance 2.00pm (Babies/pre-school children allowed)**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - KS1 Christmas performance 10.00am (No babies/preschool children, adults only)**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Christmas party afternoon**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - School closes**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - School opens**

If you have any questions regarding our topic work or homework, please speak to your child's Class teacher at the end of the school day. We are more than happy to help.

With kind regards

Miss Neil  
Key Stage 1 Coordinator

